f. Kangleipak Communist Party (KCP);

g. Kanglei Yaol Kanba Lup (KYKL);

h. Manipur People's Liberation Front (MPLF);

i. Revolutionary People's Front (RPF) in Manipur

j. All Tripura Tiger Force (ATTF);

k. National Liberation Front of Tripura (NLFT) in Tripura

l. Hynniewtrep National Liberation Council (HNLC);

m. Achik National Volunteer Council (ANVC) in Meghalaya.

n. National Socialist Council of Nagaland (NSCNÈ)

o. Naga National Council/Adino (NNC/A) in Nagaland.

While ULFA, NDFB, PLA, UNLF, NLFT, NNC/A, NSCN(K) have sizable cadre strength, the other insurgent groups are operating with fewer cadre strength.

(c) Government has taken various steps to tackle the terrorist outfits. These include, *inter alia*, deployment of Para-military Forces and Army in the State, coordinated action by Army, Para-military Forces and State Police for counter insurgency operations, declaration of major insurgent groups as unlawful association under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, declaration of the entire State of Assam as "disturbed area" under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958; reimubursement of security related expenditure to the State Government and modernisation/upgradation of State Police Force. The Governments have been appealing to the insurgent outfits to give up violence, join the mainstream and settle the problems through negotiation within the Constitutional framework.

Reviewing immigration set at International Airports

2206. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken up a comprehensive review of the immigration set up at major international airports to identify personnel, who do not have temperament tackle matters with sensitivity;

(b) if so, the number of personnel so identified and transferred to other posts, so far; and

(c) the steps taken to emphasise the aspects of courtesy and sensitivity in pre-induction training programmes of immigration staff?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government of India have, in principle, decided to take over immigration work at major International Airports/check posts from the State Governments.

The process of transferring personnel who are identified as not being found temperamentally suitably for such duties is an ongoing and continuous process.

Pre-induction training and refresher courses are regularly imparted to the immigration officials to sensitize them and to handle passengers with courtesy and sensitivity.

Killing of persons in Nadia, West Bengal

2207. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two persons were shot dead by B.S.F. on 1st January, 2003 at Bedberia village, under Chapara P.S. of Nadia District, West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. on 1st January, 2003, BSF troops deployed on BOP Haridaypur observed a group of miscreants trying to cross over from India to Bangladesh along with cattle. On being challenged, miscreants suddenly assaulted the BSF troops with lethal weapons injuring one of the BSF Constables and snatched his weapon. When these miscreants were fleeing away towards Indian village Badberia with snatched weapon, BSF troops resorted to firing at them which resulted in killing of two micreants on the spot. On thorough search of the area two cattle were recovered. The snatched weapon with 20 rounds was later recovered by State Police and handled over to BSF on 5th March, 2003.